

FROM THE FRONT TO HOME FOLKS

Howard Dunham Writes Home To Father, Telling of Condi- tions in France—Thanks Him for Favors

It may be of interest to "Boys from Baxter" who may be looking forward to that trip across the seas to hear how some of them are faring that are already on the other side.

Here are a few excerpts from a letter received from Private Howard Dunham of Base Hospital Unit No. 21 to his father N. W. Dunham, of this city. The letter was in reply to a letter that left Baxter Dec. 9, 1917:

Dear Dad:—Your letter of the 9th was sure quite a surprise to me in news. Glad to note the optimism that you people at home express over winning the war. We have one objective here, as you are aware, and that is to win the war ere many more seasons pass. I do not think any of us are "over fed up" on the war yet, because we have so many opportunities for diversion; as going to town or taking a walk, and all the different varieties of French wines and pastries have to be tasted, etc. Today we had a big snow fall. The winter weather set in about three weeks ago, and the natives here tell us that the weather will increase in intensity until about March 1st.

The cold weather with the snow here is much better because the ground is not so wet and ones feet keep much drier.

Christmas and New Years and Thanksgiving we received turkeys, pork, nuts and apples from the states and had a regular feed. We were not found wanting on those occasions. Believe I thanked you for the box of tobacco and stationery. It is hard to get stationery here and I will be glad to receive more when you can send me some. I received a box from Aunt Lillian and one yesterday from a girl friend at Nashville, Tenn. This was one of my girl friends when I was at Vanderbilt College; she was on the excursion to Mammoth Cave and she was a live interesting chum. Jessie's box and one or two others have not yet arrived. Say, Dad, my two years at College has come in very handy here as I have been able to converse with the natives quite readily and it pleases the kind of people here to be able to talk to them in their own language and this I can do when I go to town.

Sister writes me that every thing is nifty at Dallas and that the town is on the water wagon and that every body is very patriotic. Am not feeling quite so lively tonight and cannot recall all the things I want to tell you. Write me often, Dad. Lovingly,
Your son, Howard.

INDIGESTION

Take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets as directed for indigestion, and you will soon forget about your stomach troubles. Try it.

AN OLD SALE BILL

The Harrah (Ok.) Tribune contains the following copy of a sale bill printed in Missouri nearly seventy-two years ago:

State of Missouri, County of Pike, to Whom It May Concern: The undersigned will Tuesday, Sept. 29, A. D. 1846, sell at public outcry for cash on premises, where Coon Creek crosses the Missouri road, the following chattels, to-wit: Six yoke of oxen with yoke and chain, 2 wagons with beds, 3 nigger wenches, 4 buck niggers, 3 nigger boys, 2 prairie plows, 25 steel traps, 1 barrel pickled cabbage, 1 hoghead tobacco, 1 lot nigger hoes, 1 spinning wheel, 1 loom, 13 fox hounds, 1 lot of coon, mink and skunk skins and a lot of other articles. Am gwin to California. John Doe.

Richard Roe, Cryer.
Free head-cheese, apples and hard cider.

MINING NEWS

The O. & M. Mining Co., of Baxter, has purchased of Jno. W. Cunningham of Tulsa, Okla., a forty acre lease which lies northwest of Baxter and joins the Ebbestine land on the West.

The new owners have purchased a drill rig and are already drilling out the lease. A thorough development will be made of this property with a view of placing it in the producing column at the earliest date possible.

TWO-BIT THRIFT

Within the next few days twenty-five million post cards asking the receivers to purchase War Savings Stamps will be sent out by Secretary McAdoo.

Says Secretary McAdoo (I take my pen and write to you; For since this Hohenzollern crew Continues hell's own broth to brew, Until the whole world's in a stew, Their course we ought to make them rue—
Says Secretary McAdoo.

Our boys will go abroad to fight, And it is only fair and right That we should help with all our might, And so this letter I indite To say please loose your purse strings tight,
Says Secretary McAdoo, Addressing me and also you.

Come, give your government a lift, Invest, it's really not a gift; Let's make in war's dark cloud a rift, And set this Prussian crew adrift. We can, if we will practice thrift, Says Secretary McAdoo, A-meaning me, and also you.

Two-bits I ask to beat the foe; Two-bits to sink the U-boats low; Two-bits to end this Hun-made woe; Two-bits to let the Kaiser know The time has come for him to go— Satan complains that he is slow— Two-bits, says William McAdoo, Just take the hint, from me to you!

Town Topics

(From Saturday's Daily)

SOCIETY NOTES

The Aid Society of the Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. F. S. Brown at the appointed time with an attendance of 11 members. Special business of the society was attended to, after which the afternoon was spent socially. The next meeting will be Feb. 14th at the home of Mrs. F. S. Brown.

Mrs. S. J. Chambers is here from Talola, Okla., to visit her brother, Lee Thomas, who was here from Camp Funston visiting his father and mother.

Mrs. T. G. Grassier, who enjoyed the winter here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Nelson on East Cedar street, has gone to Dallas, Tex.

Ben King, 80 years old, of North View, Mo., is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. Jack Grewe.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Biffle and Mrs. Edna Miller motored to Joplin to see the show "The Bird of Paradise."

Master Oliver Shields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Shields, missed school this week on account of sickness.

Mrs. Russell Hale entertained at a one o'clock luncheon Thursday Mesdames J. E. Wiles and J. N. Stone.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society met at the church Thursday and held their annual election of officers. The following ladies were elected for the coming year: Mrs. James Hartley, president; Mrs. E. L. Wright, vice-president; Miss Zella Wright, secretary; Mrs. Lina Carmichael, assistant secretary; Mrs. Ed Hodgkins, treasurer.

Mr. Ben King, 80 years old arrived in this city yesterday from North View, Mo., to visit his daughter, Mrs. Jack Grewe, of east Sherman street.

Mrs. E. J. Howard has been very ill for the past two weeks at her home in the north part of town.

Kenneth Hooker, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hooker, who has pneumonia, is reported to be doing as well as could be expected but he is still seriously ill.

Mrs. Dianna T. McElroy, of Eugene Ore., is here visiting her brother, T. A. Embree, their first meeting in thirty-eight years, and it was indeed a happy one.

Mr. and Mrs. Onda Young and sons, Melvin and Vernon, have arrived from Two Buttes, Colo., for a visit with friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Young were residents of this city for a number of years, but for several years have been making their home in Colorado.

Mrs. W. W. Campbell and son, Charles, have returned to Baxter after visiting relatives and friends in Carthage and Cartersville.

A. G. Keyser, a stock holder in the Goodenough Refinery, is here from Kansas City in the interest of the business.

RED CROSS NOTES

The Red Cross sewing unit working at the Mitchell work room Thursday morning under the direction of Mrs. B. F. Patton were Mrs. Paul Mason, Mrs. Anna Goodner and Miss Alma Goodner.

Those working in the afternoon under the direction of Mrs. A. R. Kane were Mesdames Laird, Killingsworth, C. B. Roberts, Obright and Earls.

At the library work room those working in the afternoon under the direction of Mrs. E. G. Polster were Anna Webb and Mrs. Windsor.

The following is an extract taken from a letter received by the Red Cross garment department, of this city, in regard to a recent shipment from here:

"We are in receipt of your boxes of supplies shipped to us recently and have examined same for overseas service. We found your work excellent indeed. The hospital garments were well made."

(From Monday's Daily)

Mrs. Pearl M. Stone and little daughter returned Saturday from Cartersville, Mo., where she has been visiting at the home of her brother, W. D. Morgan of that place.

Earl Simpson, of Webb City, Mo., visited his sister, Mrs. Chas. F. Polster Sunday.

Geo. E. Rucker who was injured by a fall in the ice some time ago, is able to be in his office.

Miss Dorothy Simpson, of Miami, was the guest of her sister Mrs. Chas. F. Polster over Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Dempsey spent Sunday in Fairland, Okla., the guest of Miss Orah Shepherd.

Miss Zola Newport went to Fairland, Okla., Saturday to visit her parents, and returned to Baxter Sunday accompanied by Rulen Audrain.

J. E. Snelson, of Elko, Nev., is visiting his sisters, Mrs. L. L. Willard and Mrs. D. W. Rising of this city.

Claude Tinsley of Webb City, has accepted a position in the Wood's department store.

Clark Morrison, of Joplin, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morrison Sunday.

Mrs. Godfrey Peters returned Friday from Geneseo, Ill., where she has been for the past three weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Covey and Burton Covey were Joplin visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Lloyd Higgs, of Anderson, Mo. who has been spending a week with Mrs. Claud Jones, returned to her home Monday.

Mrs. Ruby Hall came home from the hospital at Columbus Sunday, where she has been under treatment the past five weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Fail entertained Sunday at dinner Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Popplewell and family.

Claude Rosenstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rosenstein, stopped in Baxter on his way to Tulsa, from Kansas City.

Ed O'rear, who has been staying at the Empire Hotel for some time and is engaged in the painting business in and around Baxter, spent the week end at his home in Kansas City.

Work has begun on the new home that is being built by Mrs. M. M. Shields in the west part of town.

Mrs. Peiffer, of Vinegar Hill, who was operated on at the Baxter Hospital a few days ago has returned to her home near Picher.

Several merchants in Parsons have been arrested for opening their stores too early in the morning and closing them too late in the evening, in violation of the fuel order. The penalty for violation of the order is a fine of not more than \$5,000 and not more than 2 years in prison or both fine and imprisonment. Officials will investigate all reports of violations.

Miss Edna Dills was unable to return to school at the Normal at Pittsburg Sunday on account of illness.

Dr. Schooler of Jasper City is arranging to locate in Baxter Springs.

At the Empire work room the sewing unit of the local Red Cross chapter, completed during the month of January, three and one half dozen hospital shirts. The ladies working under the direction of Mrs. Fred Malloch were Mesdames C. M. Mitchell, W. R. Kendall, Horace Wilson, Fred Schley, C. E. Smith, J. Ben Russell, M. V. Eardley, J. M. Ukema, J. R. Green, Joe Street and M. Tracey.

Miss Vivian Jones, bookkeeper at the Jefferson Highway Garage, visited in Joplin over Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport, Saturday February 9th, a fine boy.

O. R. Kettler, of the Kettler-Hooper Furniture company, was a Pittsburg visitor Sunday.

Andrew Shafer of Alva, Okla., arrived in Baxter Springs Saturday and is making arrangements to open a Photograph gallery in the new Arbutnot building, as soon as his partner, Mr. A. L. Godfrey, arrives with the furniture and fixtures.

Miss Carmela Logan spent the week end visiting friends in Columbus, Kans.

Mr. B. F. Spicer of the local Gas office, spent Sunday in Joplin.

R. F. Warner, local manager of the Gas Co., has returned from St. Johns Hospital where he has been about two weeks recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.



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